

## **FISCAL NOTE**

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 10, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1657 - HB 1569**

This bill, if enacted, will prohibit the ownership of *dangerous dogs* without a certificate of registration issued by the city animal control authority or the county sheriff, or the county authority. To obtain the certification of registration, the owner must provide evidence of (1) a marked enclosure to confine the dog; (2) a surety bond payable to anyone injured by the dog; and (3) a liability policy made to the issuing animal control authority.

Further, this bill provides for a civil penalty of not more than \$50 for failing to keep the dog within an enclosure or properly muzzled while outside the enclosure.

In addition, this bill establishes a Class A misdemeanor for allowing a dangerous dog to roam free, failure to maintain the required surety bond or liability insurance, or failing to display a rabies tag on the dog.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill will depend upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resultant increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased

revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be readily determined, but is estimated not to be significant.

Increased revenue to local governments from civil penalties will depend upon the number of instances in which penalties are levied; therefore, such increased revenue cannot be reasonably determined but is estimated not to be significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director